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Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President, Martin Belinga-Eboutou (Cameroon), on the basis of informal consultations

International cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 52/200 of 18 December 1997, 53/185 of 15 December 1998, 54/219 and 54/220 of 22 December 1999 and its resolutions 1999/46 of 28 July 1999 and 1999/63 of 30 July 1999,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 54/220 on international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon,[1]

Reiterating that the coordination function of the Economic and Social Council is to give guidance to its functional commissions on natural disaster reduction within the overall context of sustainable development strategies,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon and expresses its willingness to study them;

2. *Welcomes* the steps taken to ensure the continuity of international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon within the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;

3. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the establishment of the working group on El Niño/La Niña within the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction Inter-agency Task Force;

[1] A/55/99-E/2000/86.

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4. *Recognizes* the contribution to the research on the El Niño phenomenon made by existing institutions, including the International Research Institute for Climate Prediction, the Pan American Health Organization and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies;

5. *Invites* the international community to provide technical, financial and scientific cooperation for the prompt establishment of the international centre for research on the El Niño phenomenon, in Guayaquil, Ecuador, as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 54/220, and also invites the host country to facilitate the process of establishing the centre;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue the full implementation of General Assembly resolutions 52/200, 53/185, 54/219 and 54/220, and its resolutions 1999/46 and 1999/63.